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**FORT BENNING, GA** – The Army's outstanding Officer Candidate School graduate for 2003 will be presented the Patterson Award March 29 at 7 p.m. at the Fort Benning Officers' Club.

This year's Patterson Award winner is 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Kwesi Ramsey.

Ramsey is a native of Detroit, Michigan, and joined the Army in November 2000. He graduated from Officer Candidate School and was commissioned as infantry officer in May 2006.

After commissioning, Ramsey attended the Infantry Officer Basic Course, where he was the Distinguished Military Graduate for his class.

He is also a graduate of the Army's Airborne and Ranger Schools.

Ramsey is currently preparing to join his unit, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 69<sup>th</sup> Armor Regiment, in Iraq.

The Patterson Award was established in 1952 and is based on accomplishments in leadership, academics, aptitude and character. Only one outstanding student is presented this prestigious award each year.

The award is named for Capt. Robert P. Patterson, who served as the Secretary of War during the Truman administration. A judge on the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Patterson earned a Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star and Purple Heart during World War II.

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